

founded by their ancestors 142 years ago has contributed to our society.

The most notable member of the family was Colonel John Stevens III. During the Revolutionary War, he was appointed to be a captain in Washington's Army at age twenty-seven. Later he was promoted to Colonel, and collected taxes for the American cause as Treasurer of New Jersey. After the war in 1784, he purchased land that is now Hoboken, and includes the current campus for Stevens Institute of Technology.

In 1798, Colonel Stevens was the first inventor to build and sail a steamboat on the Hudson River. The Colonel's boiler design, his twin screw propellers, and the steam ferry he ran between Hoboken and New York were among his many outstanding "firsts." His steam ship, the Phoenix, captained by his son Robert was also the first steamship to sail the ocean, in 1809. On land, Colonel Stevens purchased the first American locomotive, the "John Bull." The John Bull is now on display at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC.

The Colonel's sons also developed an aptitude for innovative engineering. His son Robert invented the T-rail for railroads, which is still in use today on railroads throughout the world. Robert also invented the ferry slip, a supporting iron rod for projecting guard beams on steamboats, and made several other improvements to ferries and steamboats. A second son, Edwin A. Stevens, founded the university as a part of his estate. Edwin built and operated New Jersey's first railroad. His experiments also resulted in the iron-clad warship. A third son, John Cox Stevens, was a sailor and joined the syndicate that built the schooner "America" and became the first winner of the famed America's Cup racing series. He also founded the New York Yacht Club and this year was inducted into the Yachting Hall of Fame, on October 13, 2012 at a ceremony held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Other notable Stevens family descendants throughout the years include former Member of Congress, Millicent Fenwick (R-NJ), who was also appointed by President Reagan as the first U.S. Ambassador to the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, a U.S. Ambassador to Spain, a casualty and a survivor from the Lusitania, a member of the first class of the Naval Academy in Annapolis, the current CEO of Habitat for Humanity International and more.

I applaud the John Stevens Family for all of their contributions and ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their great accomplishments. I wish them all continued success and thank them for their dedication to making New Jersey and our country greater for future generations.

#### TRIBUTE TO KEITH KING

#### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2012*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate a distinguished member of the Alabama business community, Mr. Keith King, P.E., who is soon to retire from Volkert & Associates, Inc., after 52 years of service.

A 1958 graduate of Auburn University's School of Civil Engineering, Keith King was

hired by David G. Volkert as a project engineer in 1960.

Over the last five decades, Mr. King has witnessed many changes in the Mobile-headquartered engineering company which has grown to become one of the top-ranked engineering, planning, and environmental consulting firms in the United States.

Keith served as president from 1983 until 2007 and CEO until 2011. Volkert, Inc. has grown continuously and opened operations centers in 11 States employing over 600 associates.

As an accomplished professional engineer, licensed in eight States, Keith King has obtained national recognition for many of the projects he has engineered and managed. He was Chief Engineer for the Interstate 10 Twin Bridges over Mobile Bay, which was named one of the Ten Outstanding Engineering Achievements of 1978 by the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE).

He was principal-in-charge of the Alabama State Docks' McDuffie Coal Export Facility Project, which in 1984 received the Engineering Excellence Award from the American Consulting Engineers Council of Alabama.

In 1992, Volkert's Cochrane/Africatown U.S.A. Bridge over the Mobile River was named one of the Outstanding Engineering Achievements by NSPE and received the Federal Highway Administration Award of Excellence.

All three of these projects are in the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame. Mr. King, himself was inducted in 2001 and Volkert, Inc. was honored in 2002.

Keith has worked hard to improve the areas of licensure, continuing professional development, ethical standards, and professionalism. His involvement includes two terms on the Alabama Licensure Board, the Business Council of Alabama (Chairman, 2000–2001); Alabama Society of Professional Engineers (President); National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) (Vice President-Southeast; Chairman, National Membership Committee and Licensure and Qualifications for Practice Committee); Fellow Member of American Society of Civil Engineers and NSPE; Member of the American Consulting Engineers Council.

He remains actively involved with Auburn University, where he has chaired the Auburn Alumni Engineering Council and served on the Auburn University Board of Directors.

On behalf of the people of south Alabama, I extend heartfelt congratulations to Keith and his lovely wife, Julia, as well as their entire family. Additionally, I wish them both a long and happy retirement, including plenty of deep-sea fishing.

#### CONGRATULATING THE NIGHT-HAWKS OF NORTHERN GUILFORD HIGH SCHOOL

#### HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2012*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, there is an old saying that goes, the "third time is a charm." In the case of the football team at Northern Guilford High School, the new expression should be, the "third time is perfection." That is because this football team, located in the

Sixth District of North Carolina, just won its third straight state high school football championship. This time, however, the title capped a perfect 15–0 season.

On December 1, 2012, the Nighthawks of Northern Guilford High School defeated Charlotte Catholic 64–26 to capture its third consecutive NCHSAA Class 3-AA championship. Senior T.J. Logan led the way by rushing for an unbelievable 510 yards and scoring eight touchdowns. This was the third straight title for longtime Head Coach Johnny Roscoe. In 2010, Northern Guilford went 14–2 to win the first championship. In 2011, the Nighthawks completed a 14–1 season to secure its second straight title. This year, no one stopped the Nighthawks on the way to a 15–0 season that culminated in their third crown in three years.

What is left for Northern Guilford to accomplish following this three-year run? I'm sure Coach Roscoe, always the perfectionist, could point to many areas for improvement during the season and the title contest. But it is hard to argue against perfection. I think Ed Hardin, the outstanding sports columnist for the (Greensboro) News & Record stated it best: "We might never see anything like this again in these parts," Hardin wrote, "and in the coming years we'll look back and debate about this team. Was it the best we ever saw? Was the remarkably talented (T.J.) Logan the best player we ever produced in Guilford County? You could make that argument. The game played out like the season. Fast start, confounding moments and then brilliance."

That brilliance was a team effort all the way and led by Coach Roscoe, who has been around football for four decades. Coach Roscoe was ably assisted by Brian Thomas, Ben Hepler, Richard Burton, Todd Sharp, Lee Meekins, Chris Vaughan, Chris Harris, and Justin Davis. All of these coaches will tell you that the Nighthawks' perfect season was also due to the fine efforts provided by Team Trainer Justin Ollis, Assistant Trainer Valerie Smith, Team Physician Kirstin Shepperson and Team Managers Jenne Livingston, Sydney Monroe, Taylor Phillips, Ashlyn Thomas, and Mercedes Wiglesworth, along with Ball Boy Britt Thomas.

Every one of the 2012 champion Nighthawks can take pride in the completion of this perfect season. They include: Tre Purcell, C.J. Freeman, Brett Welch, Cameron Harris, Mook Reynolds, Robert Willcox, T.J. Logan, AJ Love, Nick Jones, Austin Coltrane, Justin Wallace, Daniel Kelly, Matt Page, Burney Sindab, Tucker Hord, Molick Scott, Chris Ripberger, Malik Parker, Matthew McGarry, Max Maynard, Rory Bergen, Bernard Sindab, T.J. Ruff, Josh Parker, Johnny Loflin, Jacob King, Ryan Johnston, Nick Fryer, Mason Monroe, TyShawn Reese, Austin Simmons, Josh Covington, Max Klietsch, Dylan Hakala, Trey French, Eric Hong, Josh Steele, Kamen Smith, Chris Forlano, Trevor McKee, Steven Branz, Jalen Hollins, Malik Hampton-Prieoleau, Andrew Keen, John Wagoner, Tristen Simmons, Alex Hasler, Carlos Williams, Terrell Headen, Bret Unkel, and Duncan Taylordean.

A winning season also requires support from school administrators and leaders and Northern Guilford has a winning team there, too. Congratulations are appropriate for Principal Will Laine, Assistant Principals Doug Foutty and Travis Ward, and Athletic Director Brian Thomas. All can take pride in three straight state championships.